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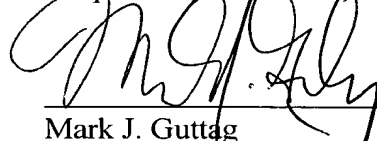
6. Claims 12-15, 19, 35, drawn to a method of inhibiting PDI by use of Group 3 compounds.
7. Claims 16-18, drawn to an assay method.

Applicants elect the claims associated with subgenera G1, invention 1, *with traverse*, i.e., claims 1 through 8 and 11, for prosecution in the instant application. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications for the subject matter covered by the remaining groups. The inventors for the invention of the elected claims are the same as the inventors of record in the application.

Applicant hereby indicates that claim 1 is a generic claim to all of the above-identified species. Therefore, claims 2 through 8, and 11 should be allowable, provided that generic claim 1 is allowable. If the Examiner disagrees with this assessment, they are invited to contact Mark J. Guttag at (703) 591-2664.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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